

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 7 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 7. The changes correct the spelling of "SIRIAL" to "SERIAL."

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (Fig. 7)

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-12 are amended. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, on pages 17 and 18 of the specification. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The specification is objected to. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested in view of the proposed new title set forth above.

Entry of the proposed amendment to Fig. 7 as shown in the attached replacement sheet to correct the spelling of "SIRIAL" to "SERIAL" is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 12 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Endoh (US 6,707,566). (It is assumed that the indication of claim 13 in the first line of item 4 of the Office Action is a typographical error; since the detailed discussion on page 5 refers to independent claim 12, not claim 13.) Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 calls for a electronic apparatus wherein the apparatus information received at a receiving section includes a vendor ID and a product ID of the target electronic apparatus, and when the vendor ID and the product ID included in the apparatus information are in coincidence with the corresponding IDs stored in a storage section, a discriminating section discriminates the relevant operation information. Claim 12 calls for similar features.

The Office Action, on page 3, states that the receiving means of Endoh receives input information including apparatus information (printer address information, col. 4, line 60). At col. 3, lines 26-30 of Endoh, it is explained that the group address "100" (which is the printer address information from col. 4, line 60) is allocated to the printers 102-104 and those printers construct a printer group. Therefore, in Endoh it is a requirement that a unique group identifier be assigned to each group of printers upon the grouping of the printers. However,

claim 1, for example, calls for the apparatus information that is received at the receiving section to include the vendor ID and the product ID of the target electronic apparatus. The required operation for each network printer can thus be set without necessitating to divide the network printers into groups, as the printers have already been divided into groups based on their vendor ID.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Endoh in view of Hren (US 7,099,026). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

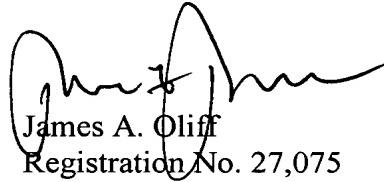
Hren fails to overcome the deficiencies of Endoh in disclosing an electronic apparatus wherein the apparatus information received at a receiving section includes a vendor ID and a product ID of the target electronic apparatus, and when the vendor ID and the product ID included in the apparatus information are in coincidence with the corresponding IDs stored in a storage section, a discriminating section discriminates the relevant operation information .

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Replacement Sheet (Fig. 7)
Petition for Extension of Time

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